CONGRESSMAN BRIAN BILBRAY 50TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

Dear Neighbor,

As one of my first acts in the 112th Congress I upheld my campaign pledge and co-sponsored HR-2, the repeal of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) – otherwise known as Obamacare. Today I officially voted for repeal, the first logical step toward restoring fiscal sanity in Washington. The \$1.2 trillion government takeover of health care will increase the cost of care, destroy jobs, and cause budget deficits and our national debt to explode. Repealing this legislation will provide employers with more certainty and help our economy get back to creating jobs. With one in ten San Diegans out of work, providing quality and affordable health care to the citizens of California's 50th district and preventing further harm to our already fragile economy are my top priorities.

Repealing PPACA is only the beginning of the solution. We must replace it with legislation that reduces the cost of health care, provides coverage and protection for those with pre-existing conditions, and extends family coverage to young adults under 26. As a new member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, one of the two major committees in Congress with jurisdiction over health care, I look forward crafting the answers to these complex problems.

House Republicans have already pledged to reduce costs and make health care accessible for every American by enacting common-sense medical liability reforms, expanding state high-risk pools, and allowing individuals to buy health care coverage outside of the state in which they live. To start, Congress must pass a strong medical malpractice package that takes the trial lawyers out of the operating room. According to the Congressional Budget Office, as much as \$54 billion over the next decade could be saved by imposing an array of new limits on medical malpractice lawsuits. Additionally, we must pass legislation allowing individuals to purchase insurance across state lines. If a policy in New York is cheaper than a policy in California, we should allow hard working Californians to purchase a better deal.

I believe that representing the public means listening to the electorate, and the American people sent a loud message to Washington that they want the job crushing government takeover of health care repealed. I am committed to making affordable health care for all Californians a reality. With your help, this can be accomplished.

Your Public Servant,

Sim P. Silla

Brian P. Bilbray

Represents California's 50th Congressional District